

## GRAND RALLY!



"Hang Your Banners on the Outer Wall!"

WELLINGTON, NOV. 4th.

To the voters of Sumner and surrounding counties: All lovers of reform and the people generally are respectfully invited to attend the grand rally of the People's party to be held at Wellington on Friday, Nov. 4, 1892. Come with large delegations and take part in the street parade during the day and the torchlight procession at night. Let the reception, on the above date, given to Jerry Simpson and L. D. Lewelling, be the grandest and best ever given to any one at any time in the history of our city. Bring your wives and families and let the young men bring their sweethearts and be sure don't forget to bring your baskets well filled with provisions sufficient to last all day and have a good time. Be sure to bring your flags, banners, mottoes and bands of music and make this an extremely enjoyable occasion. The parade will take place on Washington Avenue as early as possible on the morning of the 4th. The various delegations will be informed where they are to take their positions in the line of parade by the marshals of the day, Bros. J. R. Simons, G. A. Camp, Mark Ward and their aids. Any person desiring information in regard to motives to be used on that occasion are referred to the chairman on ground and decoration committee, S. Ewing Smith, of Wellington.

Our candidate for governor, L. D. Lewelling, will discuss the political issues of the day in the afternoon at 2 o'clock p. m., at McMahon's grove on Slate creek, southwest of town.

Hon. Jerry Simpson, our congressman of the Big Seventh, will speak at the grove, also at Woods' Opera House at 7:30 o'clock p. m., on the 4th of Nov. Don't forget the date, Nov. 4, Friday, for this reason: We have been informed that there is an effort being put forth by persons not favorable to our reform movement, to convince our people that Congressman Simpson will be in Wellington on Saturday, Nov. 5. Such is not the case. He will not be in Wellington on that day. We want as many people as can conveniently do so to take part in our torchlight procession at night in town.

Perhaps no better opportunity than the present can be found to invite you to attend the meeting to be held at Woods' Opera house at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., Oct. 27, when W. A. Harris, our candidate for congressman-at-large, is to speak. Don't forget it.

We fear the waste basket, but cannot refrain from saying that the eyes of the world are centered upon Kansas this year. We live in the greatest state of the grandest nation upon the face of the earth today. Kansas has always been in the fore front of every reform movement, both before and since she became a state. Kansas took the lead in liberating four millions of black men from bondage and this year if every reformer does his whole duty to his home and country, she will take the lead in liberating from bondage in the neighborhood of sixty million of white people. While in name we have several political parties, in fact, we have but two, the party of the wealthy and the party of the great common people. Let the party of the people of Sumner county and of the great state of Kansas do their whole duty from now on until the night of the 8th day of November next, and we believe victory will be ours. Yours truly in the grand reform movement,

JOHN HINCHCLIFFE,  
County Chairman.

The railroads of Kansas have cost about \$104,000,000. They have received aid, both government and local, \$80,000,000. Leaving out of consideration the fact that they have received any aid, and considering their investment as \$104,000,000, they have taken from the people of Kansas over and above six per cent. on their investment, about \$75,000,000 in the last ten years. These figures can be substantiated by reference to the reports of the Kansas Railroad Commissioners and the reports of the board of Railroad Assessors, both good Republican authorities. Still some will claim if freights are lowered to compare with other states, it would bankrupt the roads.—Salina Union.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Stand up for principle!

General Weaver will speak at Arkansas City, Saturday, Nov. 5.

Judge Ray and Dr. H. R. Walling will again meet in joint debate at Caldwell Saturday night next, and already much interest is being attracted by the contest.

Populists, don't be deceived by reports that Jerry Simpson is to debate with John J. Ingalls, Saturday, Oct. 5. Congressman Simpson will be here Friday, Oct. 4, only.

Don't let any one wheedle a Populist voter into trading the state ticket for Weaver electors. We can elect every man on the ticket without trading. Only see that all our voters get out and vote.

"Prince Hal" says Jerry Simpson is an "nonentity." When we gaze on Mr. Simpson's 7,000 majority over the "Prince" we wonder what his former opponent must be. Probably the shadow of a vacuum.

Nothing Pennyroyal about the governor of Oregon. He has been twice elected in opposition to the Republicans of that state and now is manfully supporting the People's movement. He will be successful again.

The Republicans in private conversation are reporting that Jerry Simpson is to be here on Saturday, Nov. 5. They evidently believe he will draw better than John J. Ingalls. Be not deceived. Jerry will be here Friday, the 4th.

Mr. Foraker has been west and reports that his party is active and hopes to overcome the opposition in Kansas and Nebraska by hard work. The signs of the times are too plain to admit of him claiming everything to a dead certainty for the g. o. p.

If any voter doubts that the Republicans hope to win this contest by downright falsehoods he should read last week's issue of the Monitor-Press. Its lies about the Populist poll of the county and the Forney case are so glaring and cold-blooded that no voter should be deceived by what it says.

Watch the course of the political bums and schemers and then get on the other side as quickly as possible. When such political bums as Geo. T. Anthony oppose the government ownership of railroads, it is safe for the people to favor it. Don't be deceived. No tool of the corporations is in sympathy with the best interests of the masses.

The encyclopedia says the "the theory of the intrinsic value in money has been abandoned by the best writers and speakers." John J. Ingalls is one of them. Editor Simons is not. He is quite sure that a pound of butter without the stamp of the make is still a pound of butter. Probably his brains are as good without the stamp of the statesman, but it is evident that they are a very inferior class of brains. "None are so blind as those who will not see."

Yes, Judge Botkin has resigned, but he was careful to wait until it was too late to call an election to fill the vacancy, so that the governor might do so by appointment. Gov. Humphrey promptly filled the place with Judge Hutchinson. The scheme is consummated. Oh, yes! The Republicans can be trusted. They never resort to any tricks! Never was known to take advantage of the people! They don't want the offices. They simply want to stand up for Kansas.

The People's party as a political factor in the south is the most egregious failure yet heard of.—Monitor. The People's party in the south have been able to accomplish more in a few months than the Republicans have in years. And had the Republicans not sold out the colored vote to the Democrats the results in the recent elections would have been different. As it is the Populists are by no means discouraged and will keep right on until they are victorious.

The Monitor says "the Populists have taken a poll of the county which shows a majority of only 400 in the combined Alliance and Democratic vote over the Republicans." This is campaign — manufactured from whole cloth. The Populists have made no poll of the county and if they had it is not likely they would run to the Monitor with the figures for publication. We may add, however, that the work of polling the county is under way and as far as it has gone, it is entirely satisfactory to the Populists, thank you.

## LOOK OUT FOR RAILROADS.

Something for Every Honest Man to Read Before Voting.

EDITOR VOICE:

Everybody knows that the Santa Fe and other railroads for a long time have been potent factors in the politics of Kansas, operating in and through the Republican party and that now, controlling the immense patronage of 24,743 employees, besides their position in reference to the people as quasi public institutions and their fabulous wealth, they are able to exert a powerful influence upon elections, as well as they have already done upon the courts, executive and legislative of the state.

Their power in this respect is almost absolute and irresistible and this year, seeing the rise of a power which promises to subject them to a just and equitable regulation as respects the rights and interests of the people, they have entered the field of politics to fight and destroy these forces of the people that they may continue to rule the powers that be and sustain the grip they now have upon every industry in the state.

Fostered, entrenched and sustained in enormous exactions, privileges and special favors by the Republican party, which they have largely controlled, in their desperation over their party and tool losing its grip, and putting forth extreme efforts to stay its downfall, they have uncovered the scandal hand which has flched from the people of the state thousands of acres of public land, and by robber rates, which almost makes the cost of the transportation of the products of the state to the seaboard equal to the cost of their production, thus reducing the price to the producer, depriving the farmer and laborer of the profits of their toil.

To mislead the people, they, the companies, not employees, are sending out a printed circular headed, "An Appeal to the People of Kansas from Railway Employees." The statements contained in this circular are so glaringly false and misleading as to carry refutation in their own words.

This circular says, "In their recent annual report, the interstate commerce commission shows the number of employees to every 1,000 miles of line to be, in 1891, 4,700. On the same basis as prevails on all railroads in the country, there ought, therefore, to have been 42,435 employees in the state, instead of 24,743, which is to say, Kansas should have according to her mileage, 17,902 more railway employees than she has." The circular then goes on to say that the state has lost the earnings of these 17,902 men, amounting to \$9,673,309.80, which should have gone into the channels of trade.

It is apparent that that statement is the work of a downright knave or an ignoramus and is not true.

In the first place, the great bulk of railroad employees which go to make the average of 1,000 employees per mile on all railroads in this country, as in the east. Why? Because there are more roads there, more products to handle, cities and towns more numerous, stations closer together, population more dense, greater number and larger shops and car factories and the aggregated products of the great west, northwest, south and southwest converging towards the seaboard, congest in ware and freight houses to be handled, transported and unloaded, and commercial products diverging from the same eastern points, to be scattered as they come westward. It stands to reason, therefore, that with such a vast amount of traffic to be cared for and handled at the eastern seaports, and the concentrating of it all at many points on its way there and the other causes named, would naturally make the average number of employees per mile not only 1,000, but several thousand, increasing the farther eastward it goes.

While Kansas is only one of many states, a mere contributor to the great heavily worked lines to the east of us, with population sparse in the west, half, stations few and far between and products limited and scattered, all serve to cut down the average number of men per mile much below 1,000 and yet there are enough men to handle the commercial products of the state, so that the statement as to the loss of employed men and their aggregated annual wages to the state and its channels of trade, is simply so much nonsense and does not demand the slightest consideration except to see the ridiculousness of it.

Their efforts also in organizing political clubs among the employees, whom they would make believe some-

body or party is about to wage a war of destruction upon the railroads and will thereby compel the roads to cut down the wages of employees and drive them out of employment, is another pretty scheme, as ridiculous as it is imaginary.

Nobody intends to destroy or in any way injure the railroads so as to necessitate the discharge of a single man or the decrease of wages one cent. The products of the state are to be carried away and the railroads must do it, and they will employ enough men to do the work and no more, just as they do now and will continue to do.

Every party realizes the importance of railways as necessary in carrying the mighty tide of commerce swaying from end to end and side to side of this enterprising country and the idea of any one desiring to cripple them or that there is a prospect of such a thing being done, is absurd.

Employees do not, as they heed not, believe any such thing. But to bring these institutions under proper control and regulation, so that they may not extort or impose upon those who are compelled to patronize them, is not to cripple or injure them, but is right and just and will not in the least cut off employment or lessen wages.

As further evidence of the political part being played by the Santa Fe and other roads in the state this year, note the men who have been nominated for legislature in several of the western counties. Among these nominees, are Ed Sample in Barber, H. J. Bone in Clark, Mike Sutton in Ford and Robert Painter in Mead county, each and every one of whom are the local attorneys of the Santa Fe railroad company.

With such hirelings, together with many others over the state whom they purpose to elect and whose every action will be under the direction of these companies, what immense power will they control and exert in the state legislature to their own interest and advantage.

Let the people and the railroad employees be assured that there is not a particle of danger of any party tearing up the railroads or destroying them in the least, and that these statements, sent out by the companies in the name of the employees, are policies, intended to frighten and excite alarm, so that their party and they may be sustained in a power by which they have been able to get the cream off of the products of the state and leave the people to get along the best they can upon the skim milk.

Such tricks are old and need not alarm anybody, because they are false. On the contrary, every one should be alarmed at the efforts of the great corporations to fasten their fangs deeper into the vitals of the people, and stop them.

The railroad companies of Kansas mean to employ every means, fair and unfair, expend money and urge and coerce every employee to sustain the Republican ticket this year, in order that that party may be put in power and control and thereby to further entrench and enrich themselves by so doing, as they have done heretofore. It behooves every man who would stand up for Kansas to defeat them, because such methods in government is absolutely dangerous.

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## ELECTION RETURNS.

Advocate.

The November election is now near at hand. As pointed out in the Advocate some time ago, it is of the utmost importance that trusty men shall witness the ballot and the count in every polling precinct in the state, and make a record of the result at the time, which may be afterwards available in case of necessity. It is important, also, that this result be telegraphed to the chairman of our state central committee as soon as it is ascertained. County and township committees should see that arrangements are made to insure that these things shall be done promptly and accurately. The reform press of this entire state should call the attention of the people and of committees to this matter, and urge its importance. Everyone is anxious to know the result of the election as soon as possible. This can only be insured by the prompt performance of this duty by good men in all parts of the state.

Two years ago telegrams were received by the chairman of the state central committee inquiring about the result of the election from counties and precincts that had failed to make returns from their own localities. How did the parties sending these telegrams expect the chairman to get the information they were so anxious to receive?

Do not let this matter be neglected. Make all necessary arrangements in good season, and see that this duty is entrusted to reliable men who are sufficiently interested to see that it is well done.

## After the Election.

Our predictions have been verified and the Alabama frauds have been re-enacted in Georgia. The Democrats claim a majority of 70,000, but up to date, although more than a week has passed, we have not yet seen a statement of the total vote. They have determined to crush out the movement in this state. A private letter just now received says that the Southern Alliance Farmer has been crushed and as it did not come at all last week, it is evidently true. The same letter states that efforts are being made to crush the People's party paper. Tom Watson has backed it with all the money and energy he had, but while he has an inexhaustible supply of the latter, his money is not inexhaustible by any means and whether they will succeed is yet to determine. The object of the old parties is to crush out the movement in the south entirely and by convincing the people of the north and west that we still have a solid Democratic south, they hope to be able to drive the people of the west back into the Republican party. This once more accomplished and the two sections busily engaged berating each other, plutocracy will have ample time to complete the schemes for the permanent establishment of a monied oligarchy. Now let us see how they managed it here. They commenced their campaign very carefully. They appeared to acquiesce in most of the demands and put them in their state platform. The Republicans commenced at once to show a disposition to fuse with us or at least make some agreement by which the negro vote would be thrown to our ticket. The white vote of the state is beyond all question almost equally divided between the People's party and the Democrats, hence, of course the party that got the negro vote was sure to win. Everything indicated a grand victory for us until a few days before the election, when it became very evident that a fair election could not be secured. They have the offices and the election machinery all in their hands and in many instances positively refused to let us have any representative on the election boards. Some places they promised, but when the day came would not do it. Some counties polled a larger Democratic majority than the total vote. I heard of one negro who voted the Democratic ticket eight times. It may be asked, why not arrest him, but suppose we did, how would we prove it? A political party that will throw rotten eggs and spread lies, sworn to, about Gen. Weaver, would swear a repeater clear, of course.

The poor people of the south are just as completely slaves to the Bourbon Democracy as ever was a negro in ante-bellum days, only they do not have the power to buy and sell individuals, as they did then. In the late election fully two-thirds of the negroes voted the Democratic ticket, thus proving that the two old parties are in league. Another proof on the same line is that the Republicans of the north are now pointing to the Georgia vote as an argument to get the People's party voters to return to the northern wing of plutocracy.

There is, however, nothing discouraging in the returns even as they are. Our party has not been organized more than five months and according to Democratic returns, we have polled 75,000 votes. A little more than one year ago I publicly announced my independence of the two old parties and at once commenced to talk it up in my Alliance lectures in the county, and so far as I was able to learn, at that time only two others in the county were ready to come out boldly for independent action. The recent election was the first one since that time and we polled 291 votes in the county, or one-third of the total vote and it is straight People's party too. I only say this to show how the doctrines of the reform movement are growing and a vote of 75,000 in the state is a big thing for us. This would give the Democrats and two-thirds of the negro vote, 145,000, 50,000 of which would be negroes, leaving only 20,000 more Democrats than People's party, even in the face of frauds and force measures. One thing we have done; we have split the white vote and it will never unite. This is certain. There will be two parties in the state hereafter, composed of both white and colored voters in both parties, instead of a white and a black party. That we will become the ruling party in the state is as certain as anything except one thing should occur. If the north should return to the old party, it would be the death of the cause.

## IT IS PAID FOR.

Persons receiving the PEOPLE'S VOICE who have not themselves subscribed, need feel no uneasiness about taking it from the office. It has been paid for by some friend and at expiration of time will be stopped and no bill will follow.

here. I do not believe the west is so foolish as to give up the fight because the Bourbon Democrats have had the power to count us out and because they use rotten eggs for argument. If every one of us will only stick to our demands we will win. We are right. We only demand justice which we are going to have in spite of rotten eggs and rotten Democrats. The reform army in Georgia is 75,000 strong and will be 200,000 four years from now. They may count us out now, but they can't always do it. We must expect defeat and we must not be discouraged because we did not win the first battle. We are in the fight to stay. Let no one doubt it. Yours truly,

S. L. Bishop.

[The author of the above is an ex-republican of Sumner township, this county, and a thoroughly reliable man.—Ed. Voice.]

## Hon. A. G. Forney

Will discuss the Railroad and Silver issues at the following times and places:

Milan, Wednesday, October 26, at 7:30 p. m.

Belle Plaine, Saturday, October 29, at 7:30 p. m. The Palestine torchlight club will participate in this meeting.

## COL. HARRIS.

Col. W. A. Harris, candidate for Congressman-at-large, will speak as follows:

Belle Plaine, Day meeting, Oct. 27th.

Wellington, Evening, 7:30.

## Hon. J. L. Grider

Of Kansas City, will address the people from a Democratic standpoint at Caldwell, Friday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p. m.

Wellington, Saturday, Oct. 22, at 2:30 p. m.

South Haven, Saturday, October 22, 7:30 p. m.

Turn out and hear an eloquent and interesting speech.

## Judge Bashore.

Judge W. O. Bashore of the 28th Judicial District, will meet and address the people at the following times and places. All meetings at 7:30 p. m. unless otherwise announced.

Bluff township—Lasells school house, Monday, Oct. 24.

On line between Morris and Chikaskia townships, place to be selected by the township committee, Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Dayton's Grove, Picnic and day meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Perth in the evening 7:30.

Osborne township—Mayfield, Thursday, Oct. 27.

Jackson township—Rome, Friday, Oct. 28.

Home Valley School house, Saturday, Oct. 29.

## HON. JERRY SIMPSON, HON. L. D. LEWELLING

At Wellington, Friday, Oct. 4, all day and night meetings.

## GENERAL WEAVER.

The Great Leader at Arkansas City.

WINFIELD, Oct. 18, 1892.

PEOPLE'S VOICE, Wellington, Kans. Please announce that Gen. J. B. Weaver will address the people of Cowley and surrounding counties at Arkansas City, Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2 p. m. Monster parade in the forenoon. Yours truly, S. C. SMITH, Sec'y P. P. Com.

## Georgia.

Nonconformist.

The state election in Georgia has been counted in favor of the regular Democrats. The old party papers, both Republican and Democratic, unite to declare that the result wipes the People's party from the state.

It does no such thing. It is one of the grandest victories in politics. The counted People's party vote for governor is 75,000. This is twice as many votes as Harrison got in 1888, and three-fourths as many as Cleveland got in either 1884 or 1888. And this for a party that never before polled a vote in that state. In 1888 Harrison had 40,496, Cleveland 100,499. In 1892 the People's party has 75,000. Who is wiped out?

Every honest Republican of the old stamp should also give heed to this. For more than twenty years the only excuse for the Republican party in Georgia has been to give the negro the ballot. The People's party has done what the Republican party has not been able to do. The reported is 284,000, almost double any vote in Georgia since enfranchisement. That the negro has been able to vote is due to the People's party. That the Republicans sold them to the Democrats is characteristic of the degenerate sons of noble sires, but it is the only way and the only time they have ever voted them. The day of November are coming. The man who sneers at the vote of Georgia would better seek cover.